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COMMENT.

The late Constitution proves to have been a home product for which even the McKinley bill failed to create a home market.

The price of soap has gone up, under the McKinley tariff, with every thing else. That will make Tom Catron mad, if he ever finds it out.

The Optic admonishes Mr. M. S. Ober that if he is defeated at next Tuesday's election, "he has no one but himself to blame for the disaster." Is anything wrong up there? Doesn't Mariano "pony up" as he was expected to?

A telegraph dispatch states that the Mexican Government has placed a duty of fifty dollars a car on American cattle imported into that country. This is in retaliation for the duties imposed on Mexican cattle by the United States.

Texas Biftings tells the best tariff story of the season. One bootblack asked another for a whiff of a "snipe." "Naw, I won't do it," was the reply. "But let you take a pull at mine the other day." "Yas, but that 'Kinley bill hadn't passed then."

Congressman Dorsey, of Nebraska, finds himself McKinleyed in his own state, and telegraphs to Quay, chairman of the National Republican committee to "have manufacturers quote lower prices, and deny that the McKinley bill raises prices. If this is not done it will cost thousands of votes in Nebraska."

The Albuquerque Citizen pitilessly admonishes its Republican partisans that "a Republican defeat this fall means to make New Mexico permanently Democratic." That is precisely what the people of New Mexico have resolved to do, and our Republican friends need not be at all surprised if they are called upon to take a little of their own medicine.

The straits to which people are sometimes forced by partisan necessities, is fairly illustrated by the fact that so many of the Republican members of the 28th Legislative Assembly have succeeded in capturing renominations for the 29th that the Republican press of the Territory is now justifying the infamous Change of Venue law passed at the 28th session.

The unfriendly attitude of the Republican majority in Congress to silver, as shown in the so-called silver bill, which demonetized silver and made it a mere commodity, is further shown in the fact that in making the general appropriations, that majority also cut down the appropriation for coinage by the mints, to the extent of more than seventy thousand dollars. Yet these people pose as the friends of silver!

Albert J. Fountain is shown by his vote for the change of venue law—which he admits was passed to oust settlers from the Maxwell grant—that he is an abject and corrupt tool of the land grant ring, and that no extent of legislative usurpation or depth of personal degradation are too great for him to undertake for the furtherance of schemes to turn the lands of New Mexico over to land grant claimants.

The last Las Cruces Republican is forced to admit that the change of venue law was passed for the sole purpose of ousting settlers from the Maxwell Grant, and that Col. Fountain voted for it with that understanding of its purpose. The Republicans also attempt to justify that act and its purpose. It thus takes its place, and at the same time places Fountain where he belongs, among the apologists for the land grant thievery, and supporters and hangers on of the last grant thieves of New Mexico. The Republicans have placed itself and Col. Fountain in their true colors at last. This is the man whom the people of this legislative district are asked to return to the Legislature with power to repeat and perpetuate the land grant robbery upon the people of New Mexico.

IF YOU WANT STATEHOOD DEFEAT THE REGISTER.

All that can be asked of the candidate, honest voter, who desires simply good, honest government, is to compare the two tickets for the Legislature now presented for his action.

The Democrats present Mr. G. D. Bantz; for the Senate, Mr. Wm. Burns and Mr. A. B. Fall.

The Republicans present Mr. J. A. Ancheta for the senate, and Mr. Parker and Mr. A. J. Fountain.

Mr. Bantz is a lawyer of Silver City, a man of whom all his neighbors speak well—a gentleman of conservative habits of thought and speech—an industrious man who lives solely by his labors at his profession—not a politician in any objectionable sense—who deals honestly and fairly with his neighbors—who attends to his own business and lets that of others alone—who analyzes public questions as to their good or evil effects upon public affairs and upon the interests of the community, and whose decisions thereon are governed solely by their promised or probable effect for good or otherwise. These traits eminently fit him for the duties of legislation and law making. Though a Democrat, he is so from profound conviction and belief in the fundamental principles of our system of democratic or popular government, and will be in no sense a partisan when it comes to make laws for all the people.

It is of vast consequence to the future of New Mexico that next Tuesday's ballots remove forever from public life the villainous gang—Fountain and his confederates—now seeking a renewal of political life and power. Statehood will never come to New Mexico so long as these men are conspicuous in her affairs.

GOV. PRINCE ON THE LATE ELECTION.

Gov. Prince shows more sense than any of his pro-constitution conferees in his treatment of the result of the late election. Unlike many of his partisans he sees nothing discouraging to statehood in that election. The governor may not be much of a statesman, but he shows a good deal of the political philosopher. In an interview on the subject a few days ago he said:

"The delay as to statehood need be very slight, and if every one will now vote, will be unimportant. Mr. Joseph has an enabling act already introduced. There is no reason why it should not be passed in January, and the election in March. The election will naturally support it."

The election for delegates to the convention would take place early in November, the convention sit in July, the people adopt the constitution in September, and the president signs his proclamation of admission on October 1. I can see no reason why we should not be a full-fledged state within less than a year. The present misfortune comes from the dog-in-the-manger policy of the Democratic leaders, who refused to let their party take part in the last convention, and then for political reasons, had to fall back on the enabling act introduced by themselves. But the enabling act introduced by their own delegates, and both parties will be represented in the next convention."

But is there not danger of the defeat of the movement if the defeat is submitted? Will not the result of this year be repeated? asked the interviewer.

Not at all, said the governor. Of course, if the constitution should be specially objectionable or imperfect, it would be rejected. But that is unlikely to be the case. The convention cannot afford to make any such mistakes now that the people are familiar with the present admirable document. Both of the great parties will be united in its support; and even if a few individuals or special influences were against it, they could not affect anything. We failed unfortunately in the effort for immediate admission. That is a public calamity, but can not be helped now. We must look ahead and not backward. The Republican party is fully committed to the admission of statehood, and it seems plain to me that every patriotic and progressive citizen should aid in pushing on the work in the only way in which it can be accomplished.

No Negro Rais for Them.

Senator Blaine has been making a long speech about the importance of popular government to the District of Columbia. Unjust it may be, but there will be no change so long as a large number of wealthy Republican senators and representatives own residences in Washington and the negroes continue to constitute so great a proportion of the possible voters as now. The experiment of letting them share in the government was tried once, and the resulting scandals were so great that the tax-payers, Republicans and Democrats alike, were driven to beg Congress to disintegrate them. Mr. Blaine may yet say that the suffrage will not be restored to them, a half a dozen Republicans in the Senate and House may try to impose a negro rule upon the whites of the South, but they will not stand it themselves in a city where they spend so much time and own so much property as they do in Washington.

There is not a section or a line in either McKinley bill which will open a market for another bushel of wheat or another barrel of pork. Mr. Blaine says so, and the report of the Treasury on cotton and tobacco indicates that probably 100 bushels of wheat worth \$12,000 to the bushel of Germany. "Our foreign market for breadstuffs grows narrower," says Mr. Blaine. So it does. So it will until there is none left, unless the West takes control of Congress and puts down the robber trusts in levying high taxes against trade.

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